

Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A plug-in safety coupling for pressure pipes (10; 12) comprising:
_____ a coupler box (1) pivotally mounted therein;
_____ ~~the~~ a blocking member having a diametrical through bore (5) in which a plug (11)
can be inserted in a depressurized state at an acute to a right angle with respect to the conducting
position and brought into the conducting position by pivoting the plug (11); ~~characterised in that~~
_____ a cap-like locking sleeve (2) having a hemispherical front end (7) ~~that~~ is placed
over the coupler box (1) with the ~~pivoting~~ blocking member (4);
_____ the hemispherical front end (7) having a spherically extending oblong hole (8)
which extends from the centre of the hemispherical front end (7) along a great circle on the
hemispherical front end (7); and
_____ the cap-like locking sleeve (2) being rotatably mounted on the coupler box (1) and
actuated by a spring so that ~~the~~ the locking sleeve's oblong hole (8) extends at an angle with respect
to ~~the~~ a pivoting plane of the blocking member (4) and the plug (11), and being rotatable against the
force of the spring into the pivoting plane of the blocking member (4) and the plug (11).
2. (Currently Amended) A plug-in safety coupling for pressure pipes (10; 12) according to claim
1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the cap-like locking sleeve (2) is mounted for rotation by 90° on
the coupler box (1) and is actuated by ~~a~~ the spring such that its oblong hole (8) extends at an angle
of 90° with respect to the pivoting plane of the blocking member (4) and the plug (11) and is
rotatable against the force of the spring into the pivoting plane of the blocking member (4) and the
plug (11).
3. (Currently Amended) A plug-in safety coupling for pressure pipes according to ~~any preceding~~
claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ the coupler box housing (3) has a relief bore which leads from the
outside into the interior of the receiving bore for the blocking member (4) outside the pressure
pipe.
4. (Currently Amended) A plug-in safety coupling for pressure pipes according to ~~any~~
~~preceding~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a stop is formed inside the locking sleeve (2) and
at the opposite outer side of the coupler housing (3), so that the rotation of the spring loaded
locking sleeve (2) abuts a stop when its oblong hole (8) comes to lie on the front side of the
blocking member (4) in the coupler housing (3).
5. (Currently Amended) A plug-in safety coupling for pressure pipes according to ~~any preceding~~
claim 10, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the ~~appertaining~~ plug (11) has a projection with a

chamfered shoulder ~~(16)~~ which slides under the oblong hole in the coupler box~~housing (3)~~ when the plug ~~(11)~~ is inserted in the bore ~~(5)~~ and rotated.

6. (Currently Amended) A plug-in safety coupling for pressure pipes according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the locking sleeve ~~(2)~~ is made of sheet steel or sheet aluminium by pressing.

7. (Currently Amended) A plug-in safety coupling for pressure pipes according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~1 to 5~~, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the locking sleeve ~~(2)~~ is made of aluminium by die-casting.

8. (Currently Amended) A plug-in safety coupling for pressure pipes according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~1 to 5~~, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the locking sleeve ~~(2)~~ is made of plastics by injection moulding.

9. (Currently Amended) A plug-in safety coupling for pressure pipes according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~1 to 5~~, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the locking sleeve ~~(2)~~ is made of brass.

10. (New) A plug-in safety coupling for pressure pipes according to claim 1 wherein the coupler box includes an oblong hole which defines the pivoting plane of the blocking member and the plug.